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SUBJECT: EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING, DUBLIN,

JUNE 16: UN, AFRICA AND CYPRUS

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SUMMARY: AT A MEETING IN DUBLIN JUNE 16 THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS

SPENT MUCH OF THEIR TIME ON CSCE (SEPTEL) AND MIDDLE EAST (SEPT-EL NOTAL). THE THIRD SUBJECT OF IMPORTANCE WAS UN STRATEGY, WHICH IS COVERED BELOW. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD SEVERAL IDEAS FOR COORDINATION WITH EC ON UN PROBLEMS. THEY ALSO, BUT MUCH MORE BRIEFLY, DISCUSSED THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND A REPORT FROM THEIR AFRICAN GROUP ON THE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES. END SUMMARY.

1. NOEL DORR, IRISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR, BRIEFED US LATE JUNE 17 ON THE PREVIOUS DAY'S MEETING. HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD SPENT SOME TIME LOOKING AT THE PROBLEM OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE NINE DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WORKED FROM A REPORT PREPARED BY THEIR PERMREPS IN NEW YORK AND ANOTHER PREPARED BY THEIR OWN FOREIGN OFFICE EXPERTS. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE EC HAS BEEN COORDINATING MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH EACH PASSING YEAR, AND THAT THE PROCESS MUST CONTINUE. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS LOOKED AT A DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY BE MADE ON THIS SUBJECT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. THE DRAFT WAS TOO FUZZY TO BE MUCH GOOD, HOWEVER, AND WAS RETURNED FOR FURTHER WORK. BASICALLY, THE DECLARATION, WHEN IT IS MADE, WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING POINTS: REITERATE EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR THE UN, URGE AN EASING OF THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LDC'S HOPE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE UN DIALOGUE RATHER THAN PROPAGANDA, PROMOTE RESPECT FOR THE CHARTER AND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND AFFIRM THE IDENTITY OF THE COMMUNITY.

2. WE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION AT THIS POINT, NOTING THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHICH WAS THE EC WAS MOVING. WHEN THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TALKED OF EASING CONFRONTATION WITH THE "THIRD WORLD," WERE THEY CONSIDERING YIELDING MORE READILY TO UNREALISTIC DEMANDS FROM THE G-77? DORR REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT QUITE CLEAR HOW THE EVENTUAL DECLARATION WOULD TURN OUT EITHER, BUT HE DID NOT THINK THE INTENTION WAS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION BY GIVING UP ON SUBSTANCE. THE IDEA WAS THAT THE EC WOULD OFFER A MORE UNDERSTANDING POSITION; THE "THIRD WORLD" IN RETURN, WOULD BE ASKED TO NEGOTIATE REALISTICALLY AND CONFINE ITSELF TO LEGITIMATE DEMANDS.

3. THE NINE WILL BE HOLDING MORE AND EARLIER MEETINGS BETWEEN ITS OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE. AT SOME POINT, THEY WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LDC'S. (EMBASSY COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE EC IS FOCUSING ALMOST CONFIDENTIAL

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ENTIRELY ON MEANS OF PULLING ITSELF TOGETHER RATHER THAN ON THE SUBSTANCE OF UN PROBLEMS. THIS IS PERHAPS NATURAL ENOUGH IN JUNE. IT ALSO SEEMS CLEAR THAT EC BLOC-VOTING CAN BE EXPECTED MORE FREQUENTLY FROM NOW ON. SO FAR, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE PAYING ANY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO COORDINATION WITH THE US, ALTHOUGH THIS MUST BE IN THE BACKS OF SOME MINDS. WE CONTINUE TO THINK THAT EARLY US/EC COORDINATION ON UN STRATEGY WILL BE ESSENTIAL. WE THINK AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO TALK

WITH THE EC EVEN BEFORE OUR REGULAR WORLDWIDE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE NEXT UNGA. IN ADDITION TO BEING IMPORTANT FOR US, THE EC NOW HAS AN UNUSUALLY CUMBERSOME DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, AND IT WILL REQUIRE EARLY INPUTS.)

4. PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES: THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS LOOKED BRIEFLY AT A REPORT PREPARED FOR THEM BY THEIR "AFRICA GROUP." A DECISION WAS TAKEN TO PRODUCE A COMMON STATEMENT BY THE NINE WELCOMING THE EMERGENCE OF INDEPENDENT STATES FROM THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES AND EXPRESSING AN INTENTION OF EXTENDING RECOGNITION. THE ACTUAL LEGAL STEPS OF RECOGNITION WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN BILATERALLY BY EACH STATE, SINCE RECOGNITION PROCEDURES DIFFER. THE COMMON EXPRESSION OF INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, MAY BE OF SOME INTEREST.

5. CYPRUS: IT IS NOW THE TURN OF THE NICOSIA GOVERNMENT TO CALL FOR A ROUTINE MEETING WITH THE NINE TO DISCUSS THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF CYPRUS. THE TURKS STRONGLY OBJECT TO ANY SUCH MEETING, ARGUING THAT NICOSIA DOES NOT REPRESENT THE TURKISH COMMUNITY. LEGALLY, HOWEVER, NICOSIA HAS A RIGHT TO CALL SUCH A MEETING. THIS QUESTION MAY BE TRICKY TO HANDLE, AND THE IRISH ARE GRATEFUL THAT THE ACTION SEEMS TO BE IN BRUSSELS.
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